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SUBJECT: EDUCATION ALLOWANCE REVIEW REPORT - DAMASCUS

REF: A. STATE 203103; B. DAMASCUS 1815

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INCREASES IN "SCHOOL AT POST" RATES FOR DAMASCUS EDUCATION ALLOWANCE. COULD RATE FOR GRADES 3-4 AND GRADES 5-6 BE INCREASED TO DOLS 555 AND DOLS 610 RESPECTIVELY IN ORDER FULLY COVER FEES AS OUT-LINED IN PARA 2 OF DAMASCUS 1815?

2. STATE'S 203103 DOES NOT MENTION INCREASE IN RATES FOR "SCHOOL AWAY FROM POST."

3. ELIZABETH MURPHY, DAUGHTER OF AMBASSADOR, WILL ATTEND TENTH GRADE AT SAME BOARDING SCHOOL IN ENGLAND THAT SHE ATTENDED LAST YEAR WHEN FATHER WAS AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA. SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DAUGHTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WILL ATTEND ELEVENTH GRADE AT AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEIRUT AS A BOARDER. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT EDUCATION ALLOWANCE FOR "SCHOOL AWAY FROMHPOST" FOR GRADES 9-12 WILL BE BASED ON INCREASED TUITION, BOARDING AND OTHER FEES AT AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEIRUT AS SHOWN PARA 1 OF DAMASCUS 1815.

5. DISTANCE AND COMMUTING TIME DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT OBVIATES DAILY COMMUTING. TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ANY PARENT WHO MIGHT QUESTION ACADEMIC QUALITY OF ELEMENTARY GRADES OF DAMASCUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL) AND WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT WANT TO SEND HIS CHILD TO ACS BEIRUT AS A

"BOARDER," REQUEST "SCHOOL AWAY FROM POST" EDUCATION
ALLOWANCE FOR GRADES 1-8 BE INCREASED TO CEILING OF ACS BEIRUT
FEES MENTIONED PARA 4 ABOVE.

6. TELEGRAPHIC REPLY TO REQUESTS CONTAINED PARAS 4 AND 5
ABOVE REQUESTED.
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